

PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE FOR LAWYER CANDIDATES

FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE IN LUZERNE COUNTY

All candidates for judicial office in Luzerne County are being asked to complete this questionnaire. The information that you provide will be used by the Pennsylvania Bar Association to enable it to inform the public of your qualifications for judicial office. The PBA will make this questionnaire public by posting it on this Web site: www.pavotesmart.com.

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

- a. Full Name: Joseph A Sklarosky Jr
- b. Have you ever been know by any other name? yes no

If so, please state other name: _____

- c. Firm Name: Office of the Public Defender
- d. Firm Address: Penn-Plare Building
20 N. Pennsylvania Ave
- e. Date of Birth: Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

- f. Law school where you obtained your law degree (Juris Doctor or equivalent):

Widener Law School

- g. Date you obtained your law degree: 1994

- h. Are you a citizen of the United States? yes no

- i. Have you ever had any military service? yes no

If so, have you ever been rejected or released from any of the armed services for reasons other than honorable? yes no

If so, give all details. _____

2. PERSONAL BACKGROUND:

a. Are you now or have you ever been an officer or director or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise? _____ yes no

i. If so, give details, including the name of the enterprise, nature of the business, the title of your position, the nature of your duties and the term of your services:

b. Have you ever held any level of judicial office? _____ yes no

If so, give dates and details, whether elected or appointed and a description of the jurisdiction of each such court:

c. Have you ever held public office other than a judicial office? _____ yes no

If so, give details: _____

3. **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:**

a.	<u>Firm Name</u>	<u>Start Date/End Date (mo/yr)</u>
i.	_____	_____
ii.	_____	_____
iii.	_____	_____
iv.	_____	_____

b. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice and dates of admission.

4. **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

a. List each college, university and law school you attended, including dates of attendance and degrees awarded:

<u>School Name</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Graduation/ End Date</u>	<u>Degree/Certificate Awarded</u>
King's College	_____	1991	Major - Political Science Minor - English
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

5. TRAINING AND BACKGROUND:

- a. Describe in the space below any judicial-related training that you have received, including internships, clerkships, arbitrations, mediations, CLE course study, etc.

- b. State whether you are a special trial master in the Common Pleas Court of Luzerne County or a certified mediator for the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania:

Special Trial Master	_____ yes	_____ no
Certified Mediator	_____ yes	_____ no

- c. Do you currently devote full time to the practice of law?
~~_____ yes~~ _____ no

If not, how much time do you devote to the practice? _____ (hours per week)

- c. What is the general nature of your practice and if it has changed during the years?

- e. Describe your practice with particular areas of concentration, if any. _____

- f. With respect to the last five years:
- i. Did you appear in court regularly, occasionally or not at all?

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- ii. The percentage of these appearances was the following:
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| Federal Court | _____ |
| State Courts of Record | _____ |
| Other courts/administrative agencies or other forums | _____ |
- iii. The percentage of your litigations was the following:
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| Civil | _____ |
| Criminal | _____ |

6. LITIGATION:

Whether you were sole counsel, chief counsel or associate counsel within the last five years, state the following:

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| a. | The number of civil jury trials you have tried to verdict. | _____ |
| b. | The number of civil bench trials you have tried to verdict. | _____ |
| c. | The number of mandatory arbitrations you have tried to verdict. | _____ |
| d. | The number of underinsured motorist cases you have tried in arbitration. | _____ |
| e. | The number of civil cases that you settled. | _____ |
| f. | The number of criminal jury trials you have tried to verdict. | _____ |
| g. | The number of criminal bench trials you have tried to verdict. | _____ |
| h. | The approximate number of hearings in which you have participated, either criminal or civil, before a district justice. | _____ |
| i. | The number of administrative hearings that you have presented before any administrative judge or board. | _____ |
| j. | The number of cases you have presented to a U. S. Bankruptcy Judge. | _____ |
| k. | The number of cases you have presented to award before a Workers' Compensation Judge. | _____ |
| l. | The number of Orphan's Court proceedings resulting in litigation. | _____ |
| m. | The number of juvenile proceedings in which you have participated. | _____ |

7. **CORPORATE BACKGROUND:**

a. Do you have any business background or corporate experience?

_____ yes _____ no

b. If so, please explain. _____

c. Does your practice include business or corporate litigation?

_____ yes _____ no

8. **LICENSE:**

a. Has your license to practice law ever been suspended or revoked?

_____ yes ~~_____ no~~

If so, please explain, including the date that your license was reinstated.

b. Has any other professional entity or body with licensing authority denied, suspended, or revoked your registration or license (i.e. real estate, insurance, investment, etc.)?

_____ yes ~~_____ no~~

If so, please explain in detail. _____

- c. Have you ever been a party or otherwise involved in civil or criminal proceedings? If so, give the particulars. **Do not** list any proceeding in which you were merely a guardian ad litem or shareholder. Include all legal proceedings in which you were a conspirator, co-respondent/defendant, and/or in which you figured as a subject or appeared as a witness in any grand jury investigation.

9. **CRIMINAL BACKGROUND:**

- a. Have you ever been arrested for a felony or misdemeanor (excluding motor vehicle violations)?
- _____ yes _____ no

If so, please explain in detail including the outcome of such proceeding.

- b. Are you now the subject of any complaint, investigation or proceeding that may have criminal ramifications or adversely affect your professional license?

_____ yes _____ no

If so, please explain in detail. _____

c. Have you ever been the subject of any complaint or proceeding that alleged sexual harassment or any form of discrimination?

_____ yes _____ no

If so, please explain in detail. _____

d. Have you ever been charged with DUI? _____ yes _____ no

If so, when did this happen and what was the outcome in detail?

10. **PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNAL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATIONS:**

a. List all bar associations and professional societies of which you are or have been a member. Provide the titles and dates of any office(s) that you have held in such groups and list chairmanships of any committee or memberships on any committee that you believe to be of particular significance.

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b. I have lectured or taught for the following law schools or bar/professional organizations:

Widener Law School, Harrisburg
Intensive Trial Advocacy Program Instructor
(Volunteer)

c. I have lectured on or taught about the following subjects:

d. I have written for the following publications and the topics were as follows:

e. List any honors, prizes, awards or other forms of recognition that you have received other than those mentioned above.

11. **PERSONAL POSITION**

Please fully describe below or on a separate sheet the reasons why you consider yourself qualified to be a judge and how you would improve our current system of practice.

I have ~~about~~ 15 years of courtroom
experience and am in court almost daily.
I have ^{tried} dozens of jury trials completed
to verdict and have participated in
thousands of hearings.

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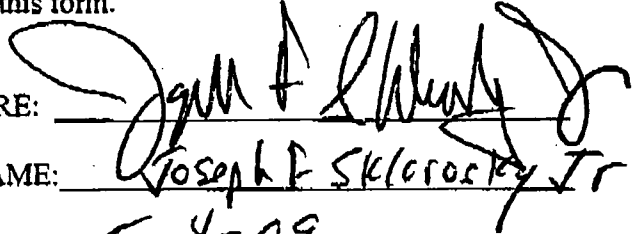
THE APPLICANT MUST SIGN THE FOLLOWING AFFIRMATION

I swear or affirm that I have read and understand the preceding questions and that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I assume the responsibility of promptly informing the Pennsylvania Bar Association of any changes to the answers provided for the questions contained on this form.

SIGNATURE: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

DATE: _____


Joseph F. Sklorosky Jr.
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